

debts out of court, and to repeal the acts of assembly therein mentioned, reported the same with the following amendment, to wit:

Strike out the last proviso at the end of the bill, and insert "and provided also that the provisions of this act shall be construed to extend only to cases of debt or damages existing in or growing out of contract."

Which amendment was read and assented to. The bill was then read a second and by special order a third time, passed with the proposed amendment, and returned to the house of delegates.

The senate proceeded to the consideration of the message with the amendments proposed on Saturday the 16th instant, by the committee to whom was referred the bill to regulate the issuing of licenses to traders, keepers of ordinaries and others, which are as follows:

By the Senate, February 16, 1823.

Gentlemen of the House of Delegates,

The Senate, not having the constitutional power to amend the bill entitled, an act to regulate the issuing of licences to traders, keepers of ordinaries and others, have been constrained to reject it.

The senate approve the principles of the bill; and should your Honorable body be pleased to adopt the amendment indicated below the senate will find no difficulty in passing it.

Amendment suggested.

1st. In the 6th line of the 1st section after the word 'liquor' insert the word 'imported'

2nd. In the 11th line of the same section, strike out the words 'to vend any of the specified articles,' and insert in lieu thereof the words 'under the present existing laws.'

3d. In the 13th line of the same section, after the word 'passed,' insert the following proviso:

"And provided also, that no license shall be granted under the laws now existing, by any clerk of any county court of this state, or by the clerk of the city court of Baltimore (after the passage of this act) which shall extend beyond the first day of May next."

4th. In the 4th line of the 3d section, after the word 'manner,' strike out all that follows of that section, and insert the words 'now provided by law,' and the following proviso:

"Provided nevertheless, that if the grand jury of any county